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SUBJECT: US COMPUTER SYSTEMS TO USSR - IL 1565

(AEROFLOT CASE)

REFS: A. COCOM DOC (75) 749 (STATE A-2225, OC DOC 5244)

B. OECD PARIS 10141

C. OECD PARIS 10952

1. AT THE TIME REF B WAS SENT USDEL BELIEVED THIS CASE WOULD BE ON APRIL 29 COCOM MEETING AGENDA SINCE IT WAS SUBMITTED APRIL 10. BACKLOG IN SECRETARIAT PREVENTED ISSUEANCE OF FRENCH TRANSLATION UNTIL APRIL 14 (WEEKEND INTERVENING). THIS RESULTED IN SCHEDULING FOR MAY 6 MEETING.

2. AS NOTED IN REF C, UK TEAM TOOK OCCASION OF BILATERAL ON SERPUKHOV SAFEGUARDS TO RAISE CERTAIN QUESTIONS:
(A) IS THE US SATISFIED THAT THE SOFTWARE CONTROLS IMPOSED ARE ADEQUATE IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE PROGRAMS ARE TO BE WORKED OUT FOR AEROFLOT BY A NON-AMERICAN AIR-LINE?

(B) WHAT "VISIBILITY" WERE WE REFERRING TO IN POINT 2 OF THE USDEL'S ORAL STATEMENT ON THIS CASE AT THE APRIL 15 MEETING?

3. DR. FINKLER REPLIED THAT AS TO (A), THE TOP SYSTEM
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SOFTWARE IS OPTIMIZED FOR THE SUPPORT OF TERMINALS FOR

RESERVATION APPLICATIONS, AND HENCE SUCH SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT IS SUBSTANTIALLY LIMITED TO - OTHER COMPARABLE TASKS. FURTHER, SOFTWARE DEVELOPED ON THIS EQUIPMENT WOULD HAVE LITTLE IF ANY BROADER UTILIZATION POSSIBILITIES SINCE THE 1106 WAS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH SOVIET RJAD (IBM 360-BASED) SYSTEMS. ALSO, THE RESIDENT "TOP" SOFTWARE SYSTEM IS SUCH THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE AND CANNOT BE ACCESSED FOR COMPILER OR PROGRAM GENERATION FUNCTIONS DURING NORMAL WORKING PERIODS. WHEN THE STANDARD EXECUTIVE "EXEC-8", IS LOADED FOR ACCOUNTING AND OTHER AIRLINE UNIQUE APPLICATIONS, THE 30,000 WORD MEMORY AVAILABLE FOR THESE FUNCTIONS LIMITS MORE GENERAL UTILIZATION AND ARE ACCESSIBLE ONLY AT THE COMPUTER CONSOLE ITSELF AND NOT FROM ANY REMOTE TERMINALS. DR. FINKLER POINTED OUT THAT THE SYSTEM IS INTENDED TO SERVICE AEROFLOT INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT RESERVATIONS ONLY, AND NOT THE DOMESTIC SYSTEM.

4. AS TO (B), DR. FINKLER SAID WE WERE THINKING HERE THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT DIVERSION OF SYSTEM TIME TO OTHER THAN RESERVATIONS APPLICATIONS WOULD RESULT IN A PROMPT AND PRONOUNCED DEROGATION OF ITS ABILITY TO RESPOND PROMPTLY IN A RESERVATIONS CONTEXT. HENCE, CUSTOMERS (INCLUDING WESTERNERS) THE HOTELS AND AEROFLOT OFFICES WHERE TERMINALS ARE TO BE INSTALLED WOULD NOTICE THE DELAYS.

5. AS IN THE CASE OF DOC (75) 676 (KAMA), SEE SEPTTEL, WE BELIEVE THAT DR. FINKLER RESPONDED TO THESE QUESTIONS TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE UK TEAM, BUT THE ANSWERS ARE BEING SENT BACK TO LONDON. IT IS NOT RULED OUT THAT FURTHER QUESTIONS, FOR THE RECORD, MAY BE PLACED AT NEXT TUESDAY'S MEETING.

6. WE HAVE HAD NO FURTHER REACTION FROM GERDEL TO POINTS RAISED IN STATE 90121.
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